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County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

The Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program is continuing to receive national publicity. Once again, the reports concern individuals who are being denied benefits despite the fact that they are eligible. Specifically, the media is reporting that the terminology "Qualified Medicare Beneficiary" or "QMB" is largely unknown to the agencies responsible for administering the program.

The QMB program was created by the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988. (Please refer to Medicaid Communication No: 89-18). Eligibility for QMB coverage is limited to persons whose income is below 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, whose resources are below standards applicable in medically needy, and who are enrolled in Medicare Part A. QMBs are entitled to Medicaid coverage for the cost of their Medicare coinsurance and deductible charges (subject to normal Medicaid reimbursement policy) as well as Medicare Part B premiums. Additionally, for persons who meet QMB criteria and, because of the lack of insured status, must pay their own Medicare Part A premiums, Medicaid will cover the premiums.

In New Jersey, individuals who meet the QMB eligibility criteria also qualify for New Jersey Care which offers full Medicaid coverage. As a result, an individual who meets the criteria for QMB would not be limited to the QMB benefit package i.e. coinsurance and deductibles plus Medicare premiums but would receive full Medicaid coverage including premium payment offered through New Jersey Care.

Individuals contacting the CWA expressing interest in QMB coverage shall be processed as any aged, blind, or disabled applicant for New Jersey Care. Those persons referred to your agency who are already in receipt of Medicaid through SSI should be advised that all QMB benefits are included in their existing Medicaid coverage, including payments of Medicare premiums. Please note that individuals not currently enrolled in Medicare Part A can be referred to the Social Security District Office for enrollment. However, this decision concerning Medicare Part A will not affect their Medicaid benefits. Of course, those who choose to enroll in Part A will have their premium paid by the State.

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MEDICAID DISTRICT OFFICE

COUNTY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Atlantic	1601 Atlantic Avenue, 7th Floor Atlantic City, NJ 08401	(609) 441-3620
Bergen	171-173 Main Street Hackensack, NJ 07601	(201) 488-5667
Burlington	50 Rancocas Road Mt. Holly, NJ 08060	(609) 261-0448
Camden	101 Hadden Avenue 5th Floor Camden, NJ 08103	(609) 757-2870
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Essex (Newark)	153 Halsey St. 4th Floor Newark, NJ 07102	(201) 648-2470 (201) 648-3700
Essex (Suburban)	76 South Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor South Orange, NJ 07079	(201) 761-7441
Gloucester (Salem)	251 North Delsea Drive Deptford Plaza Deptford, NJ 08096	(609) 853-4177
Hudson	2815 Kennedy Boulevard, 2nd Floor Jersey City, NJ 07306	(201) 433-8011
Hunterdon (Somerset)	84 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor Flemington, NJ 08822	(201) 782-1130
Mercer	314-316 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08608	(609) 292-7315
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Monmouth	Casino 9 220 Route 9 Howell, NJ 07731	(201) 308-1159
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Ocean	1510 Hooper Avenue, Suite 230 Toms River, NJ 08753-2225	(201) 255-0731
Passaic	Law Building 66 Hamilton Street Paterson, NJ 07505	(201) 977-4077
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^{*} Denotes office where the Regional Director can be reached.

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IMPORTANT MEDICAID NOTICE KEEP THIS IMPORTANT LETTER

DEAR

January 1992

You may have recently received a letter from the Social Security Administration advising that you were no longer eligible to receive a Supplemental Security Income payment because your income exceeds the eligibility standard. This appears to have been caused by the 3.7 per cent increase in your Social Security check which became effective January 1992.

However, Public Law 96-566 provides that you must be permitted to retain your Medicaid eligibility if the Social Security cost-of-living increase is the only reason this supplemental payment was terminated.

You should have already received your Medicaid Eligibility Identification Card, which covers the period from January 1 to January 31, 1992. Beginning in February, you will be sent a monthly Medicaid Validation stub from your County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services. If you do not receive your February Medicaid Validation stub by February 3, 1992, contact your County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services, and bring this letter with you.

Any questions you may have about covered Medicaid services can be answered by the Medicaid District Office serving your county. For your convenience, a directory of the Medicaid District Offices is shown on the back of this letter.

COUNTY	WELFARE AGENCY/BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF APPLICATION	FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ONLY
plication for the Medicaid Only prog	administrative action in lieu of appram. It shall be used only for persons sult of the January 1992 cost-of-living
Case Name (last) (First) (Initial	Case Number
Mailing Address	Social Security No
	Registration Date
Municipality of Residence	
It is hereby certified that the above eligible for the Medicaid Only progra	e named individual has been evaluated as am, effective February 1, 1992.
Signature of Certifying Person	Date
Title of Certifying Person	-

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